

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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HARVESTING OF RAIN WATER
PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have launched any scheme to promote rain-water harvesting and recharging of ground water;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the benefits likely to accrue therefrom in the next five years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Ground Water Board, under the Ministry of Water Resources, has implemented a Central Sector Scheme on "Studies of Recharge to Ground Water" on pilot basis, during the IX Five Year Plan. Artificial recharge of ground water and rain water harvesting are integral parts of this scheme. Total expenditure incurred under this scheme was Rs.23.48 crore. The proposed plan allocation for this scheme during the X Five Year Plan is Rs.200.00 crore.

(c) Implementation of schemes undertaken during IX Five Year Plan would bring additional irrigation benefits of about 20,000 hectare. Implementation of the scheme would help in improving the ground water levels and consequently its availability for drinking and other uses. It will also help resource building in the States and identification of specific areas where recharge is feasible so that State Governments can replicate similar technology.